

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report which has just been adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

It is my pleasure to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts for the fiscal year 1995.

On September 29, 1995, at the close of the fiscal year, the Arts Endowment celebrated its 30th anniversary. A young man or woman born at the same time as this Federal agency's establishment has enjoyed access to the arts and culture unparalleled in the history of the country. The National Endowment for the Arts has helped bring tens of thousands of artists into schools, teaching tens of millions of students about the power of the creative imagination. This small Federal agency has helped launch a national cultural network that has grown in size and quality these past 30 years.

This Annual Report is another chapter in a great success story. In these pages, you will find projects that bring the arts to people in every State and in thousands of communities from Putney, Vermont, to Mammoth Lakes, California. The difference art makes in our lives is profound; we see more clearly, listen more intently, and respond to our fellow man with deeper understanding and empathy.

In these challenging times, when some question the value of public support for the arts, we should reflect upon our obligation to the common good. The arts are not a luxury, but a vital part of our national character and our individual human spirit. The poet Langston Hughes said, "Bring me all of your dreams, you dreamers. Bring all of your heart melodies . . ." For 30 years, the Arts Endowment has helped keep those dreams alive for our artists and our audiences. May it long continue to do so.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 12, 1996.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2951

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as cosponsor of H.R. 2951.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2754, SHIPBUILDING TRADE AGREEMENT ACT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 448 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 448

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2754) to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on National Security. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No other amendment shall be in order except the amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. That amendment may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against that amendment are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the cus-

tomary 30 minutes to the gentleman from south Boston, MA, Mr. MOAKLEY, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2754, legislation to implement the multilateral trade agreement entered into by the President to phase out shipbuilding subsidies and create an international environment conducive to the restoration of a healthy commercial shipbuilding industry in this country.

House Resolution 448 is a modified closed rule, providing 1 hour of general debate divided equally among the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committees on Ways and Means and National Security. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The resolution makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, as an original bill for purpose of amendment. The amendment shall be considered as read. All points of order are waived against the amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified.

The rule further provides for consideration of an amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules and waives all points of order against the amendment. The amendment to be offered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BATEMAN] shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or the Committee of the Whole.

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Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, for many years, some foreign governments have employed subsidies to protect their commercial shipbuilders from international competition. It was the policy of the United States not to respond in kind, and I strongly support that policy. Manufacturing subsidies are a wasteful drain on the economy and on taxpayers. We should not fall victim to these insidious policies simply because other countries employ them.

Seven years ago, rather than throw money away in a race to see who could provide the largest subsidy to commercial shipbuilders, the United States initiated multilateral negotiations with the major shipbuilding nations to come to an agreement to end subsidies. Mr. Speaker, this effort was supported by our commercial shipbuilders who realized that the only long-term hope for